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**"INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT"**

APPLICANT: Stefan SCHRÖDER Docket No. P00,1884  
SERIAL NO: 09/720,557 GROUP ART: 2642  
DATE FILED: December 21, 2000 EXAMINER:  
INVENTION: **"METHOD FOR OPTIMISING THE TRANSMISSION  
CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN CUSTOMER ACCESS  
NETWORKS"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

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**DISCUSSION OF RELEVANCE**

Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report in the present application. Also enclosed is a copy of Search Report from the European Patent Office in the corresponding European application. Enclosed for the



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Examiner's consideration are copies of the references cited in these Search Reports.

Favorable consideration of the above-identified application in view of the enclosed art is hereby requested.

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